

REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is submitted to replace the title, cancel original claims 1-27 and add new claims 28-54. Note that the new claims are presented primarily to delete the reference numerals in the original claims, and to remove the multiple dependencies in the original claims to thereby place such claims in condition for examination and reduce the required PTO filing fee.

Also, the abstract has been amended in order to remove the reference numerals therein. The changes to the abstract are submitted in the form of a substitute abstract. A copy of the abstract with changes marked therein is attached.

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ABSTRACT

According to the type of the plate (~~6, 6w, 6t~~) placed in a plate placing device (~~12~~) of a component feeder (~~4~~), appropriate holding operation and expanding operation are performed selectively and automatically according to the type of the plate by regulating the lowered position of a plate pressurizing member (~~61~~) for the tray feeding plate (~~6t~~) to securely hold the plate and performing wafer expanding while securely holding the wafer feeding plate by releasing the regulation of the lowered position for the wafer feeding plate (~~6w~~).

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